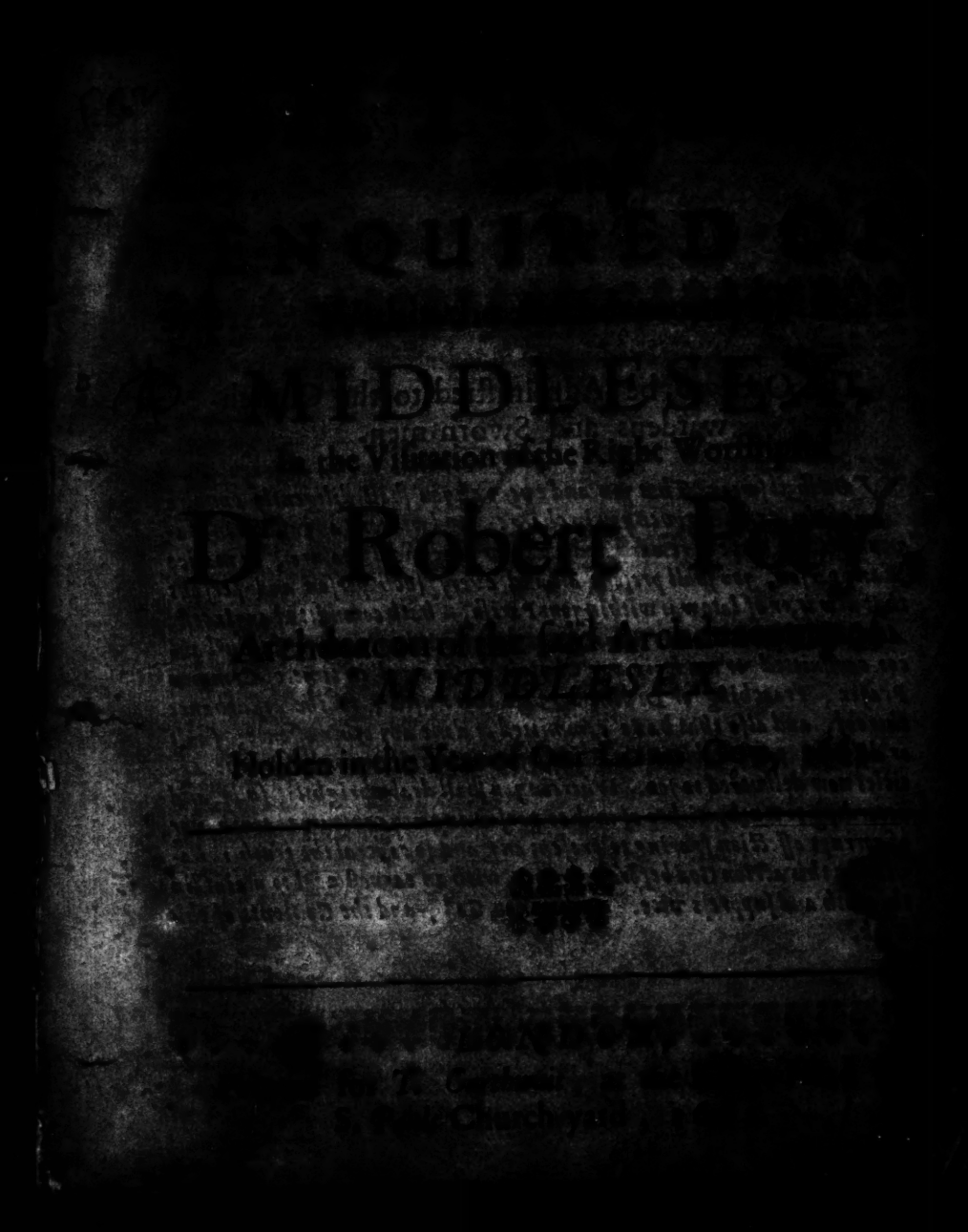

The Oath to be Administred to the Church-wardens and Sworn-men.

YOu shall swear, That you and every of you shall diligently enquire of the Articles given you in charge; and without any affection, favour, hatred, hope of reward and gain, or fear of displeasure, or malice of any person, you shall present all and every such person and persons that now is, or of late was within your Parish, as hath committed any Incest, Adultery, Fornication or Simony, and any misdemeanour or disturbances committed or made in any Church or Chappel in time of Common Prayer, Preaching or Divine Service there used, to the disturbance thereof, and also that have committed or done any other offence, faults or default, presentable in the Ecclesiastical Court, according to the Articles now delivered to you. Wherein you shall deal uprightly, fully, and according to truth, neither of malice presenting any contrary to truth, nor of corrupt affection sparing to present any, and so conceal the truth: having in this action God before your eyes, with an earnest zeal to maintain the truth and suppress vice. So help you God, and the Contents of this Book.

Concerning Religion, and the true Worship of God, in this Realm eſtabliſhed.

1. IS there any who doth affirm and teach that the 39 Articles agreed upon by the Arch-Biſhops and Biſhops in both Provinces, and the whole Clergie in the Convocation holden at London, Anno 1562 are in any part ſuperſtitious or erroneous, or ſuch as he may not with a good conſcience ſubſcribe unto? Who is that ſo teacheth or affirmeth, and what is his name? Can. 5.

2. Is there any who doth affirm and teach, that the form of Gods Worſhip in the Church of England, eſtabliſhed by the Law, and contained in the Book of Common Prayer and Adminiſtration of the Sacraments, is a corrupt, ſuperſtitious or unlawful worſhip of God, or containeth any thing in it that is repugnant to the Scriptures, who is it that ſo teacheth, &c. Can. 4.

3. Is there any who doth affirm to teach, that the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England by Law eſtabliſhed, are wicked, antichriſtian or ſuperſtitious, or ſuch as being commanded by lawful Authoritie, may not with good conſcience be approved, uſed, or ſubſcribed unto, by men who are zealouſly and godly affected, who is it, &c. Can. 6.

4. Is there any that ſeparateth himſelf from the communion of Saints as it is approved by the Apoſtles Rule in the Church of England, & combines themſelves together in a new brotherhood, accounting the Chriſtians who are conformable to the Doctrin, Government, Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England, to be profane or unmeet for him to join with in Chriſtian profeſſion, who are they that ſo ſeparate themſelves, and what are their names? Can. 9.

Concerning the Church, the Government, Authority and Diſcipline thereof.

1. IS there any who doth affirm or teach, that the Church of England by Law eſtabliſhed under the Kings Majeſty, is not a true and Apoſtolical Church, teaching and maintaining the Doctrines of the Apoſtles. Who is it that doth ſo affirm and teach, &c. Can. 3.

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Can. 7. 2. Is there any who doth affirm and teach, that the Government of the Church of England, under his Majestie by Archbishops, Bishops, Deans, Archdeacons, and the rest that bear office in the same, is anti-christian and repugnant to the Word of God. Who is it that doth, &c.

Can. 18. 3 Is there any who doth affirm or teach, that the forms or manner of Making and Consecrating Bishops, Priests & Deacons, containeth any thing in it, that is repugnant to the Word of God: or that they who are made Bishops, Priests and Deacons in that form, are not lawfully made nor ought to be accounted either by themselves or others, to be truly either Bishops, Priests or Deacons, until they have some other calling unto those Divine Offices. Who is it, &c.

Art. 20. 34. 4 Is there any who doth affirm or teach, That the Church hath no power to decree Rites or Ceremonies, nor any authority in controversies of Faith, or in the changing and abolishing of Ceremonies and Rites of the Church ordained onely by mans authority, contrary to the 20. and 34. Articles of the Church of England. Who is it, &c.

Can. 2. & 1. 5. Is there any who doth affirm or teach, That the Kings Majestie hath not the same Authority in causes Ecclesiastical, that the godly Kings had among the Jewes, and Christian Emperours in the Primitive Church. Or that the Kings Majesty within his Realm of England, Scotland, and Ireland, and all other his Dominions and Countries, is not the highest Power under God, to whom all men, as well Inhabitants as born within the same, do by Gods Law owe most loyalty and obedience. Or that impeach any part of his Royal Supremacy in the said causes reposed to the Crown; and by the Lawes of this Realm therein established. Who is it, &c.

Can. 140. 6. Is there any who do affirm or teach, That no manner of person either of the Clergy or Laity are to be subject to the Decrees and Constitutions of the Church in causes Ecclesiastical, made and ratified by the Kings Majesties Supream authority, other then such as are particularly assembled in the sacred Synods of the Church for the making of the said Decrees, and Constitutions, and have given their voices to the same. Who is it, &c.

Can. 12. 7. Is there any that doth affirm or teach, That it is lawfull for any sort of Ministers and Lay persons, or either of them to join together, and make Rules, Orders, and Constitutions in causes Ecclesiastical without the Kings Authority, or any that submit themselves to be ruled and governed by the same. Who is it, &c.

Can. 10. 8. Is there any who do affirm, teach, maintain or publish, That such Ministers who refuse to subscribe to the form and manner of Gods worship in the Church of England, and their adherents may truly take unto

Can. 11.

from the name of another Church: or that there are within this [illegible] other meetings, assemblies, or congregations of the Kings born Subjects, then such as by the Laws of this Land are held and allowed, which may rightly challenge to themselves the name of a true and lawfull Church. Who is it that doth so affirm, &c.

9. Doth any Minister or Ministers, without the Licence and direction of the Bishop of the Diocess first obtained, appoint or keep any solemn Fasts publickly, or in any private houses, other then such as are or shall be appointed by lawfull authority, or not being licensed as afore is said, presumes to appoint or hold any meeting for Sermons, Sermon-lectures, Prophesies, or exercises in Market Towns or other places, or duly attempt without such License upon any pretence whatsoever, either of possession or obsession, to cast out any Divel or Divels. Who is it that offendeth in the premisses, &c. Can. 27.

10. Do any Priests or Ministers of the Word of God, or any other persons meet together in any private house, or elsewhere, to consult upon any matter or course to be taken by them, or by any other, upon their motion and direction, which may any way tend to the impeaching or depraving of the Church of England, or of the book of Common-Prayer, or any part of the Government or Discipline of the Church of England now established, and who are they? Can. 73.

Concerning Churches, the Ornaments, Vtensils, and other necessaries to the same belonging.

1. Is your Parish Church or Chappel well and sufficiently repaired, and so from time to time maintained and kept? Are the windows well glazed, the floar kept paved, plain and even, and all things there in such an orderly and decent sort, without dust, or any thing that may be either noysome or unseemly, as best becometh the house of God? Can. 85.

2. Are the Ten Commandments set upon the East end of your Church or Chappel, where the people may best see and read the same, and other chosen sentences written upon the walls of your said Church or Chappel, in convenient places? Can. 82.

3. Do the Chancels remain as they have done in times past, that is to say, in the convenient situation of the Seats, and in the ascent or steps unto the place appointed anciently for the standing of the holy Table? Is the Chancel of your Church or Chappel clean kept, and repaired within and Rubr. before Morning Prayer.

Orders of Queen Elizabeth An. 1561. Ib. Order 3. Can. 85. Can. 88. Injunct. of Q. Eliz. Orders of Q. Eliz. Can. 82. Com. Book. Can. 20. Can. 81. Can. 82, 83. Can. 84.

and without, in the windows and elsewhere as appertaineth? Is there a comely partition betwixt your Chancel and the body of the Church or Chappel, as is required by the law?

4. Is the Church-yard of your Church or Chappel well and sufficiently fenced, maintained and kept with walls, rails or pales, as hath been heretofore accustomed: and if not, then by whose negligence or default is it, that the fences of the same are grown into decay?

5. Are there any Plays, Feasts, Banquets, Suppers, Church-Ales, Drinkings, Temporal Courts or Leets, Lay suites or Quarrels: or is there any other prophane usage kept in your Church, Chappel, or Church-yard, of what sort soever? By whom are your said Church or Chappel, or Church-yard so prophaned as afore is said, and by what permission?

6. Have you in the Chancel of your Church or Chappel a decent and convenient table for the celebration of the Holy Communion? Is it so set as is directed in the Queens Injunctions, [illegible] Have you a Carpet of silk or other decent stuff, appointed by the Ordinary, to lay upon the Table in the time of Divine Service, and a fair linen cloth to lay upon the same in the time of the Communion? And is the said Carpet and linen cloth laid constantly upon the Table, at the times aforesaid?

7. Have you a fair Communion Cup, or Challice of silver, with a cover of the same, and a decent Fanning pot or flagon of pewter, if not of purer metal, in which the wine of the Communion is to be brought unto the holy Table? Is the said Table, Carpet, Linen-cloth, Cup, or Flagon, or either of them any ways prophaned, or otherwise imployed, than to their own proper and right holy uses?

8. Have you in your Church or Chappel a Font of Stone, where Baptism is to be administred, decently made, and kept as it ought to be? Is the same set in the ancient usual place appointed for it, and doth your Minister publickly baptize in the same Font onely?

9. Have you in your Church or Chappel, a convenient Seat made for the Minister to read Service in, as also a comely and decent Pulpit set in a convenient place within the same for the preaching of Gods word, and there seemly kept?

10. Have you in your Church or Chappel a strong Chest, with a hole in the upper part thereof, for the Alms of the poor? Hath the same three several keyes, and is the one of them in the custody of the Parson, Vicar, or Curate? Is the same so set and fastned in the most convenient place, to the intent the Parishioners may put into it their Alms, for their poor neighbours?

11. Have you a true note and Terrar of all the Glebes, Lands, Meadows, Gardens, Orchards, Houses, Stocks, Implements, Tenements and portions of Tithes lying out of your Parish, which belong unto your Parsonage, or Vicarage? And is the same, or a true Copy of the same layed up in the Bishops Registry for a perpetual memory thereof? Can.

12. Have you a comely decent Surplice with sleeves for the use of your Minister in saying the publick prayers, or ministring the Sacraments, and other rites of the Church: together with an University hood, according to the degree of your said Minister? And doth the Parson, Vicar, or Curate use the same, as oft as he officiats Gods publick Service, administreth the Sacraments, or dischargeth any publick duty in the Congregation? Can.

13. Have you a Bible of the largest volume, allowed by Authority, the book of Common-Prayer, and the book of Homilies, all very well and fairly bound? As also a book of the Canons and Constitutions, made in the Synod held at London, Anno 1603. and ratified by the Kings Authority? A book of prayers for the 5th. of November, and for the 30th. of January, and the 29th. of May? Can.

Have you a parchment Register-book wherein to keep upon record, the several Christenings, Weddings and Burials which happen weekly, quarterly, or yearly in your Parish? Have you also a Register book wherein to write the names of all Preachers, which come and Preach in your Church from other places? And have you one sure Coffer with three locks and keyes, for keeping of the books aforesaid? And doth one of your keys remain always in the hand of the Minister? Can. Can. Can.

Whether is your Parsonage-house or Vicarage-house, Barns, Stables, and other out-houses thereto belonging, in good and sufficient repair.

Whether hath any person encroached upon the ground of your Church-yard, or other consecrated ground; if any hath, then you shall present him, and set out what quantity of grounds is so encroached upon, and whether any new door or window hath been lately made into your Church or Church-yard, and by what authority?

Concerning the Celebration of Divine Service, the administration of the Sacraments, &c.

Doth your Minister or Curate that ministreth in your Parish Church or Chappel, say daily the Morning and Evening Prayer, in the same Parish or Chappel where he ministreth, unless he be lawfully hindred? And doth he cause a Bell to be tolled thereunto, a convenient Rubrick after the Preface.

time before he begin, that such as be disposed may come to hear Gods Word and pray with him? Especially,

p. 14. Is the Common-Prayer said or sung distinctly and reverently upon such dayes as are appointed to be kept holy, and upon their Eves? Is the same said or sung at convenient and usual times of those dayes, and in such place of every Church, as the people may be most edified thereby: And doth the Parson, Vicar or Curate, observe the order, rites and ceremonies prescribed in the Book of Common-Prayer, as well in reading the holy Scripture, and saying of prayers, as in administration of the Sacraments: without either diminishing in regard of Preaching, or in any other respect, or adding any thing in the matter and form thereof?

r. of Com- Kalendar for Morning and Evening Prayer? And at the end of every Pray- Psalm throughout the year, and likewise at the end of the Benedictus, Benedicite, Magnificat, and Nunc dimittis, doth he repeat, Glory be to the Father, &c. And at the reading of the Lessons, doth he stand and turn him so as he may best be heard of all such as be present? And is the Creed called Athanasius Creed, beginning with (Whosoever will be saved) said by your Minister constantly at the times appointed in the Common-Prayer book, and doth your Minister sing or say anie other Psalms or Hymns then aforesaid in the place of those, contrary to the Law?

p. 15. 3. Doth your Parson, Vicar, or Curate say the Letany on everie Sunday duely throughout the year, as also upon all Wednesdaies and Fridaies weekly, though they be not holy dayes? In what convenient place of your Church or Chappel doth he say the same, and by whom was that place appointed? Doth he say the same at the accustomed hours of Service, & is there warning given to the people by the tolling of a Bell? And doth everie house-holder dwelling within half a mile of the Church come, or send one at the least of his householder to join with the Minister?

brick 4. Doth your Minister read the Communion-Service, or the second r the Service on every Sunday or Holiday throughout the year, though there mmu- be no Communion, according as it is appointed in the Book of Common Prayer?

p. 45. 5. Doth your Parson reside upon his Benefice or not? If yea, then being a licensed Preacher, doth he preach one Sermon everie Sunday in the year in his own Cure, or in some Church or Chappel neer adjoining, having no lawfull impediment? And being not a licensed Preacher, p. 49. 46. doth he offer at anie time to preach or expound the Scriptures, or rather doth he procure Sermons to be preached in his Cure once everie month at the least by Preachers which be lawfully licensed? If he be licensed p. 47. by the Laws of this Realm not to reside upon his Benefice, then in that case

Case doth he supply his cure by one that is a sufficient and licensed Preacher? And is your Curate allowed to serve there by the Bishop of the Diocese, or by the Ordinarie of the place having Episcopal jurisdiction, and by no other? Can. 4. Can. 4.

6. Doth your Parson, Vicar, or Curate, upon every Sundaie and Holydaie throughout the year when there is no Sermon, read one of the Homilies set forth by publick Authority? Doth he use and read the same in the Pulpit onely, according as he is required in the Canons of the yeare 1571. And doth your Minister as well before the Homilies, as before his Sermon, move and exhort the people to join with him in Prayer according to the form laid down in the book of Canons, and doth he use anie other form then is there prescribed? Rubr. Can. 4. Can. 5.

7. Have you in your Parish, besides your Parson, Vicar and Curate, any Lecturer or Lecturers, not having cure of souls therein? Doth your Lecturer use before his Lectures, the form of prayer before remembred, and no other form? and doth he twice at the least everie yeare read the Divine Service on two several Sundaies, both in the forenoon and afternoon, publickly and at the usual times? and doth he as oft in everie year administer the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lords Supper, in such manner and form, and with the observation of such Rites and Ceremonies as are prescribed in the book of Common-Prayer? Can. 5. 5

8. Do your Lecturer or Lecturers preach in their Gowns and not in their Cloaks, according to his Majesties Instructions, An. 1629. Doth he profess his willingness to take upon him a Living with cure of souls, in that place or Parish, in the which he Lectures or elsewhere? And doth he actuallie take such Cure or Benefice if any hath been offered to him?

9. Is your Lecturer licensed by the Bishop of the Diocese? And doth your Lecturer or any other Preacher that Lectureth or preacheth in your Church or Chappel, impugn or confute anie Doctrine formerlie delivered in the same, or in anie Church neer adjoining, before he hath acquainted the Bishop of the Diocese therewith, and received order from him what to do in that case for the avoiding of dissention? Can. 5.

10. Doth your Lecturer conform himself to the Laws, Ordinances, and Rites Ecclesiastical established in the Church of England? If not, you are to certifie the same unto the Bishop of the Diocese, or other Ordinarie of the place, to the end that if the said Lecturer do not conform himself after admonition, his licence may be avoided, & himself removed? Can. 5.

11. Doth your Parson, Vicar, or Curate, administer the Communion in your Church or Chappel so often, & at such time, as every parishioner may communicate at least thrice in ỹ year, whereof the feast of Easter to be one? And doth he give warning to his parishioners publickly in the Can. 2. Can.

Church at morning prayer the Sunday before, for the better preparation of themselves? And do such as purpose to communicate signifie their minds unto the Curate over night, or the morning early?

Can. 26. 12. Doth you Minister admit to the receiving of the holy Communion, such of his Cure which be openly known to live in sin notorious without repentance, or any who have openly or maliciously contended with their neighbours, and will not be induced by him to a reconcilement? Or any Church-wardens or Sidemen, who having taken oath to present to their Ordinaries every such publick offence, as they are particularly charged to enquire of in their several Parishes, shall wittingly incurr the horrible crime of perjury?

Can. 27. 13. Doth he wittingly administer the same to any but such as kneel, or to any that refuse to be present at the publick prayers, or to any that be common and notorious depravers of the book of Common-Prayer, or of any thing contained in the book of Articles agreed upon in the Convocation, Anno 1562. Or in the book of Ordering Priests and Bishops, or to any that hath spoken against, and depraved his Majesties Soveraign Authority in causes Ecclesiastical, except such persons do first acknowledg to the Minister before you the Church-wardens, that he is sorry for the same, and promise either by word of mouth, or under his hand to do so no more?

Rubr. 14. Is the bread provided for the holy Sacrament of the Lords Supper, of the best and purest white-bread that may conveniently be gotten? Doth the Minister take the same into his hands to bless and consecrate it to that holy use as oft as he administreth the Communion? Doth he so likewise with the wine provided? And if any bread or wine be newly brought, doth he first use the words of the Institution before it be distributed to the Communicants?

Rubr. 15. Doth your Minister as oft as he celebrateth the Communion re-
Can. 21. ceive the Sacrament first in both kinds himself, and having so received the same, doth he severally deliver the bread and wine to every Communicant in their hands kneeling? And at his delivery of the same, doth he rehearse the whole form mentioned in the Communion-book, saying (The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.) or doth he openly use some part thereof, as he list himself?

Rubr. 16. Doth your Parson, Vicar or Curate, administer the Communion at any time publickly in the Congregation except there be four or three (at the least) to communicate with him? Doth he administer the same
Can. 28. to any Strangers, which come often and commonly from their own Pa-
57. rish Churches? and do you the Churchwardens give notice to your Minister of such Strangers, that so he may remit them home to their own

Parish

Parish Churches, there to Communicate with their own Minister and neighbours?

17. Doth your Minister, except it be in times or cases of necessity, Can. 71. Preach or administer the holy Communion in any private house in which there is no Chappel dedicated and allowed by the Ecclesiastical lawes of this Kingdom? Doth any Chaplain living within your Parish, preach or administer the Communion in any other place then in the Chappel of the said houses? Doth the Lords and Patrons of such Chaplains, or houses, at other times resort to their own Parish Churches, and there receive the holy Communion, at least once in the year? And do any under Noble men, and men qualified by law keep any private Chaplain in their house or houses? Instructions.

18. Doth your Minister refuse or delay to Christen any Child that is Can. 68. brought to him to the Church on Sundaies or Holy-dates, knowledg Rubr. of thereof being given to him over night, or in the morning before Morn- Bap. ing-Prayer? Doth he proceed therein in all things according to the form of publick Baptism in the Common-Prayer book? Doth he neglect, re- Can. 30. fuse, or pretermit at any time to sign the child baptized with the sign of Can. 29. the cross, or doth he admit the parent of a child to answer as a Godfather to his own child, or any other person to be a Godfather or Godmother, before the said person so undertaking hath received the holy Communion?

19. Doth your Minister being duely informed of the weakness and danger of death of any infant unbaptized in his Parish, and being there- upon desired to go into the place and baptize the same, either wilfully re- Can. 69. fuse to do it, or negligently delay the time, so that the child departeth without Baptism through his default: if the child so baptized do recover afterwards, is it brought into the Church by the Godfathers and Godmothers, to the intent the congregation may be certified of the Baptizing thereof, according to the form prescribed in the Common-Prayer Book?

20. Doth your Minister having Cure and charge of souls, do his best Can. 6[illegible] endeavour to prepare Children, and make them ready for confirmation? Can. [illegible] And to that end, doth he on every Sunday and Holy-day before Evening Rubr. of prayer for the space of half an hour and more, instruct the youth and ig- Confir. norant persons of the Parish, according to the Catechism set forth in the Common-prayer book? And are the afternoon Sermons in your Parish (if you had any formerly) turned into Catechising by way of questions and answers, according to the Kings Instructions? Instruc- tions.

21. Doth your Minister either bring or send in writing to the Bishop Rubr. of the Diocese, the names of all those Children of his Parish which can Confir. answer to the questions contained in the Catechism, that by the imposition of hands and prayer, they may receive strength & defence against temptation?

tion? And doth he admit any person or persons to the holy Communion, until such time as he or they can orderly say ỳ catechism & be confirmed?

Can. 62. 22. Doth your Parson, Vicar, or Curate celebrate Matrimony betwixt any persons, without a faculty or licence granted by authority Lawful, or without the Banes of Matrimony first published on three several Sundaies or Holidaies in the parish Church or Chappel where the said parties dwell, or at the times by Law prohibited without special License? Or doth he celebrate the same in any other place then in the Church, or in the Church at any other time then between the hours of eight and twelve in the forenoon, & at that time betwixt such persons as are under the age of twenty one years, without the consent of their parents signified unto him, or a Licence granted to him so to do?

ubr. of latrimo-y. 23. Doth your Minister in the solemnizing of holy Matrimony keep himself to the form & Ceremonies prescribed in the Common Prayer book? Doth he at any time marry any without a ring, or without going to the Lords Table as it is appointed? Doth he in case there be no Sermon read those Texts of Scripture, wherein the offices of man & wife are declared, according as it is prescribed? And do the new married persons the same day of their marriage receive the holy Communion, as by Law they ought.

an. 87. 24 Doth your Minister or Curate resort to such of your parish as are dangerously sick (if the disease be not probably suspected to be infectious) to instruct and comfort them in that distress, doth he exhort the sick party to be in charity with all the world, & to dispose of his goods, and declare his debts, and doth he move him, and that most earnestly, to liberality towards the poor, and to unburden his conscience?

ubr. of sitation. 25 If any sick person find his conscience troubled with any weightie matter, and doth unburden the same to his Priest or Minister, doth the said Priest or Minister give him absolution according to the form prescribed? and have you ever heard that the said Priest or Minister hath revealed & made known at any time to any person whatsoever, any crime or offence committed to his trust and secrecy, either in case of such extremity, or any other case whatsoever (except they be such crimes as by the Laws of this Realm, the life of the said Priest or Minister may be called in question for concealing of it) declare the name of the offender, when and by whom you hear the same?

an. 130.

b. of m. 26 Doth the Curate that ministreth in your parish, upon convenient notice given him, administer the Communion unto such as be dangerously sick, and not able to come unto the Church, and yet are desirous to receive the same in their houses, and are unquiet for the lack thereof? Or doth he obstinately and wilfully refuse so to do being thereunto required

quired, and finding all things necessary for the doing of it?

27 Doth your minister refuse or delay to bury any corps that is brought Can. 68.
into the Church or Churchyard, convenient warning being given him before, except the party deceased were denounced excommunicate for some grievous crime, Majori Excommunicatione, and no man able to testifie of his repentance? And doth he do it decently and gravely not swerving from the form prescribed by the Church in the Common prayer book?

28 Doth any woman in your parish after her delivery from the pains & peril of Childbirth, refuse to come into the Church to render thanks to God for so great a mercy? doth she go thither covered with a decent veil according to the laudable & ancient custom? and being come, doth she go nær unto the place where the Table standeth, & offereth her accustomed Rubr.
offerings? and doth your minister do his duty in churching the said woman, according to the form prescribed? and doth the woman that cometh to give her thanks, receive the holy Communion if there be any?

29 Doth your minister at and upon seasonable times, especially on the first day of Lent, cause the people to be called together and assembled in the Church by the ringing of a Bell? and being drawn together doth he read unto them the Commination against sinners, with the other prayers appointed?

Concerning the Clergy, their Duty, Carriage, &c.

DOth your Parson, Vicar, Curate, or Lecturer, (if you have any) Can. 1.
purelie and sincerely teath, manifest and declare four times everie year at the least in his Sermons and other Collations and Lectures, that all usurped and forraign power is for most just causes taken away and abolished, and that therefore no obedience or subjection within his Majesties Realms and Dominions, is due unto any such forraign power. And doth he preach the Doctrine of obedience, and the Kings authority according to the Canons published, and set out by the late holy Synod, Anno 1640

2. Doth your Minister declare to the Parishioners, everie Sunday at Can. 2.
the time appointed in the Communion book, whether there be any Holy- and Rub.
daies or Fasting-daies in the following week? And doth he call upon of Com.
them to observe the same according to the Lawes of the Land, and of holy Church?

3. Doth your Minister or Curate in the Rogation dayes go in perambulation about your Parish, saying & using the Psalms & suffrages by Law appointed, as viz. Psalm 103, & 104. the Litany and suffrages,

together

together with the Homily set out for that end and purpose: Doth he admonish the people to give thanks to God, if they see any likely hopes of plenty, and to call upon him for his mercy, if there be any fear of scarcity: And do you the Churchwardens assist him in it?

Can. 48. Can. An. 1571. Cap. ult. 4. Doth your Curate serve more then one Church or Chappel upon one day, except the said Chappel be a member of the Parish Church, or united thereto: How farr distant are the said Churches or Chappels which he serveth from one another? What wages hath he for his pains?

Can. 65. 5. Doth your Minister if he be commanded by the Ordinary, openly on some Sunday denounce and declare for excommunicate, all those, who either for refusing to frequent the Divine Service of the Church, or for notorious contumacy, or other notable crimes stand lawfully excommunicated by the lawes of the Church, that others thereby may be admonished to refrain their Companies: And doth your Minister himself refrain the company of persons excommunicated and so denounced?

Can. 74. 6. Doth your Parson, Vicar or Curate, usually wear such apparel as is prescribed by the Canon, that is to say, a gown with a standing collar, and wide sleeves strait at the hands, and a square cap? Or doth he go at any time abroad in his doublet and hose without coat or cassock, or doth he use to wear any light coloured stockings, doth he wear any coif, and wrought night caps, or only plain night-caps of silk, sattin, or velvet? And in his journying, doth he usually wear a cloak with sleeves, commonly called the Priests cloak, without guards, welts, long buttons or cuts?

Can. 75. 7. Doth your Parson, Vicar, or Curate resort at any time, other then for his honest necessities, to any Taverns or Ale-houses, or doth your Curate lodg or board in any other places? Do they, or either of them give themselves to any base or servile labour, or to drinking, or Riot, or to play at dice, cards or tables, or to any other unlawfull game or games: or do they otherwise spend their time idly by day or by night?

Can. 76. 8. Is there any in your Parish, who having been a Deacon or Minister hath voluntary relinquished his calling, and doth use himself in the course of his life as a lay man, what are their names that have forsaken their said callings?

Can. 66. 6. Doth your Minister (if he be a Preacher, and thought fit by your Bishop) having any Popish Recusant or Recusants in his Parish, labour diligently with them from time to time, thereby to reclaim them

Can. 66. from their errors: And if he be no Preacher, or not such a Preacher, doth he procure some that are Preachers so qualified, to take pains with them to that purpose?

Can. 114. 10. Doth your Parson, Vicar or Curate, carefully inform himself every year, how many Popish Recusants, men, women and children, above

above the age of thirteen years, or being otherwise popishly given, are inhabitants within your parish or parishes, or make their abode there, either as sojourners or common guests?

11. Doth your Minister every Sunday weekly (if there be occasion) Can. 7
in the presence of you the Churchwardens, write and record in the Register-book the names of all persons christned, together with the names & surnames of their Parents, as also the names and surnames of all persons married and buried in that Parish the week before, and the day and year of every such Christening, Marriage, and Burials, and unto every page thereof when it is filled, do you and your said Minister subscribe your names: And is a true coppie of the said Christnings, Marriages, and Burials subscribed with the names of your Minister, and you the Churchwardens transmitted yearly within one month after the 25 of March, unto the Bishop of the Diocese to be preserved in his Registry?

12. Doth your Minister in the Parish Church or Chappel, where he hath charge, read the Canons, Orders, and Constitutions, (agreed on in the Synod held at London, Anno, 1603.) once every year upon some Sundayes or Holy-dates in the afternoon before Divine Service: and doth he so divide the same, as the one half may be read one day, and the other half the other day?

Whether hath your Minister, Churchwardens and Side-men, presented unto the Lord Bishop of London, or his Chancellour, within forty dayes after Easter, the names of all the Parishioners, as well men as women, which being above 16 years of age, received not the Communion, at or about Easter before, according to the 112 Canon; If not, you shall present, whether that presentment should have been brought in by your selves, or your predecessours, and specifie the names of every one that should have made such presentment at Easter last past.

Concerning Schoolmasters, Parish-Clerks, and Sextons.

DOth any man in your Parish teach either in publick School or private house, but such as be allowed by the Bishop of the Diocese, or other Ordinary of the places under his hand and Seal: and if there be no publick Grammar-school founded in your Parish, doth any other teach School in your Parish, than your Curate onely, if he be willing so to do? Can. 77

2. Doth your Schoolmaster teach in English or Latine, as the children are able to bear, the shorter or longer Catechism set forth by Authority, and no other? doth he on Sundayes and Holy-dates when there is a Sermon, cause his Scholars to come unto the Church, and there see Can. 78

them quietly and orderly behave themselves? And doth he train them up at other times in sentences of holy Scripture: And doth he teach them ante other Grammar then that which was set forth by King Henry VIII. and hath since continued?

Can. 91. 3. Have you belonging to your Church or Chappel a Parish Clerk aged 21 years at the least? Is he of honest conversation, sufficient for his reading, writting, and also for his competent skil in singing? Is your said Clark chosen by ante, your Parson, Vicar, or other Minister? And doth your Clark so chosen, as before is said, receive his ancient, usual wages, without ante fraud or diminution, as hath been accustomed: Or who is it that denieth to pay that wages?

Can. 67. 4. Doth your Sexton or your Parish Clark (if there be no Sexton) when, and as often as any person is passing out of this life, cause a Bell to be tolled, that so his neighbours may be warned to recommend his soul to the grace of God? And after the said parties death (if it so fall out) doth he ring or cause one short peal to be forthwith rung, that so his neighbours may have notice that he is departed?

Concerning Parishioners.

Can. 109. Is there ante in your Parish either Master or servant, Sojourner or Inhabiter, that hath offended either by Adultery, Whordom, Incest, or drunkenness, or by swearing, ribaldry, or filthy speaking, extortion, or any other uncleanness, or wickedness of life? you shall faithfully present all and every the said offendors.

Can. 110. 2. Do your know of any in your Parish, or elswhere, that is an hinderer of the word of God to be read, or sincerely preached, or of the execution of any Ecclesiastical Canons, now by Law in force? or a fautour of any usurped or forrain power, by the lawes of this Realm justly rejected and taken away, or a defendor of any Popish and erroneous doctrine? you shall detect, and faithfully present &c.

Can. 114. 3. Have you in your parish any popish Recusants, men, women, or children, above the age of 13 years, whether inhabitants, or sojourners, and common guests, that refuse to come to Church, or coming to the Church, refuse to receive the Communion? you shall set down their names in writting, if you know their names, or otherwise, those names by which they are called, and who they are that entertain such guests as sojourners.

1 Eliz. c. 2 4. Have you ante that dissuade ante of his Majesties subjects from coming to the Divine Service in this Church established, or that have

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or do practize with any of them to diſſwade them from taking the oath of Allegiance, or that have any wayes offended againſt the Canon lately made for the ſuppreſſing of popiſh ſuperſtition?

5. Do all and every perſon or perſon inhabiting or ſojourning within your Pariſh, diligently and faithfully reſort unto your pariſh Church, or Chappel accuſtomed, upon every Sunday, and other dayes appointed to be uſed and kept as Holy-dates; do they then and there abide orderly and ſoberly, during the time of Common-prayer, preaching, or other ſervice of God there to be uſed, or miniſtred? Or, (which is contrary thereunto) have you any that come unto the preachings onely, and not unto the Common-Prayer, or coming to the Common-Prayer, neither uſe to come at the beginning, nor tarry out unto the end? Or that being there, do rudely and diſorderly behave themſelves, or which by walking, talking, or anie other noiſe do hinder the Miniſter or Preacher. 1 Eliz. c. 2. Can. Anno 1571. Ca. 5. Can. 111.

6. Have you anie that upon the Sundaies or Holy-dates, imploy themſelves in their bodilie and ordinarie labour, or that permit their ſervants ſo to do? Or that keep open Shops in time of Divine Service? Or any Vintners, Inn-keepers, or other Victuallers, that permit ante to lie tipling in their houſes, or that do tipple, dice, or play at cards, or any other game in time of Divine Service on the aforeſaid dates? Or that uſe any plowing, carting, or works of husbandry, on anie of thoſe Sundaies or Holy-dates throughout the year, unleſs according to law, or otherwiſe diſpoſe themſelves then according to Gods holy will and pleaſure, and the orders of the Church of England preſcribed in that behalf, and by Law in force? Can. Anno 1571.

7. Doth anie manner of perſon cover his head in your Church or Chappel in time of divine Service or Sermon, or anie part thereof, except he hath ſome infirmity, and in caſe of ſuch infirmity, doth he wear a coif or night-cap onely, and not his hat? do all and everie perſon of your pariſh reverently kneel upon their knees when the general Confeſſion, the Letany, the ten Commandments and other prayers are read: and alſo at the receiving the bleſſed Sacrament of the Lords Supper, do they all ſay the Creed, and the Lords Prayer, next and immediately following in a loud voice together with the Miniſter? do they ſtand up at the ſaying of the Belief, and ſuch other parts of divine Service, as formerly they had been uſed to ſtand up at, according to the Rules and ancient cuſtom of this Church? And when and as often as in the time of divine Service the Lord Jeſus ſhall be mentioned, is due and lowly reverence done by all perſons preſent? have you any that offend in the neglect of theſe particulars, and what are their names? Can. 18. Can. 18.

8. Have you any Pariſhioner that being 16 years of age doth not re- Can. 11.

ubr. ceive the Communion, at the leaſt thrice in the year, of which Eaſter to be one, or that doth not receive the Sacraments, & other rites according to the order of the Common Prayer book? Or that doth not reckon with
an. 112. his Parſon, Vicar or Curate, or his or their deputies at Eaſter, yearly paying ſuch Eccleſiaſtical duties as are cuſtomably due then, and at that time to be paid?

ubr. 9 The Miniſter ſtanding as he is appointed at the North ſide, or end of the Table, when he prepares to celebrate the holy Communion, and calling on thoſe who do intend to communicate, to draw near and take
vitation that holy Sacrament to their comfort, as it is in the words of the Common prayer book, have you any in your Parish that keep their ſeats, and ſit ſtil in their places, not drawing near as is commanded by the Church but loking that the Miniſter ſhould forſake the place of his ſtation, by the Church appointed, to bring it to them?

10 Is there any of your Parish, who doth forſake his own Church or
an 58. Chappel to receive the Communion at the hand of any other then their own Miniſter, or any ſtrangers that uſually repair to your Church or Chappel to the ſame intent, or any that refuſe to receive the holy Communion at the hands of their own Miniſter, becauſe he is no Preacher, or to have their children baptized by him in the ſame reſpect, or that in the ſame reſpects communicate, or cauſe their children to be baptized in other Parishes abroad? Or doth your Miniſter baptize any children preſented unto him out of other Parishes? you ſhall preſent the names of all offenders in theſe particulars.

11. Have you any that procure their children to be baptized at home in
ubr. of their houſes, without great cauſe and neceſſity, or by any other then their own lawful Miniſter if he may be had? Or after any other form and manner then is preſcribed by the Liturgy of the Church of England, or any that procure themſelves to be married privately or after any other manner then the Church preſcribes?

12 Do all and every Houſholder of your Parish, fathers, mothers, ma-
an. 59. ſters & miſtreſſes, cauſe their children, ſervants and apprentices, which have not learned their catechiſme, come unto the Church on Sundayes and Holidaies in the afternoon, obediently to hear, and to be ordered by the Miniſter till they have learnt the ſame?

an. 61. 13 Have you any in your Parish that refuſe to contribute, and pay the
an. 62. rate aſſeſſed upon him, for the repair of your Church or Chappel, or the providing of any books, utenſils and neceſſary ornaments to the ſame belonging? preſent the names of thoſe which do refuſe.

n. 63. 14 Have you any that keep company, and hold ſociety with ſuch as are
denounced and declared Excommunicate?

15 Have

15 Have you any living in your Parish, which hath been legally se- Can. 10
parated and divorced, and have afterwards been married unto others, either men or women, during the life of each other, or that being so divorced as afore is said, keep company with each other at bed and at board? Or any that being lawfully married, do yet live asunder, without a separation in due course of law?

16. Have you any persons in your Parish, which are and have been Can. 9
married within the degrees prohibited by Lawes of God, and expressed in a Table set forth by authority: And is the said Table publickly set up and fixed in your Church or Chappel at the charge of the Parish?

17. Are there in your Parish any Wills unproved, or any goods un- Can. 9
administred by lawful Authority? Did any dying in your Parish give any legacy unto your Church or Chappel, or to the use of the poor and needy? how have the said legacies so given been disposed of, by whom and by whose Authority: And have they otherwise been disposed of, then to the said pious and charitable uses?

Whether is there in your Parish a common fame and report of any which have committed Adultery, Fornication or Incest, or any Bawds, habourers or receivers of such persons, or vehemently suspected thereof, If yea, then specifie their names; Whether have you any in your Parish, which are by common fame and report and vehement suspicion reputed and taken to be common Drunkards, Blasphemers of Gods holy Name, common and usual Swearers, filthy Speakers, Railers, Sowers of discord among their neighbors, or Speakers against Ministers Marriages, or Usurers contrary to the Statute made in the 37 year of King *Henry* the Eighth? you shall not fail to present their names.

Whether have any in your Parish received or harboured any woman with child, suspected to be of an incontinent life, or have had any such woman delivered of child in his or her house, or have suffered such women to depart without penance first inflicted upon them by the Ordinary; if yea, you shall present as well the party harbouring, as harboured, and all that help to convey them away, and the parties suspected to have committed adultery or fornication with them.

Whether do you know, or have heard of any Patron, or any having an Advowson in your Parish, that have made gain by any colour, deceit, or Symoniacal pact in bestowing his Benefice and presenting to the same for gain, or for receiving money, or promise of the Lease of the whole or part, or by reserving his own tithes, or any pension to himself, or any other?

What Almes-houses, Hospitals, Free-schools have you in your Parish, that are not of the Foundation or Patronage of the King, and who was the Patron or Founder thereof, and whether the said Alms-houses, Hospitals, or Free-schools in your Parish being under the Rule and Government of the Lord Bishop of London, be well and godly used, according to the ancient Foundations and Ordinances of the same.

Whether any Perſons within your Pariſh either for the offences aforeſaid, or for any other contumacy or crime, do remain excommunicated; what be their names, and for what cauſe, and how long have they ſtood excommunicated?

Concerning Church-Wardens and Sidemen.

n. 89. ARe you the Churchwardens choſen by the joynt conſent of your Miniſter and Pariſhioners, or one of you by the Miniſter, and the other by the Pariſhioners? Have the laſt Churchwardens given up their accounts, delivering up the Pariſhioners the money remaining in their hands, and other things of right belonging to your Church

n 90. or Chappel, and is the ſame delivered to you by bill indented?

2. Do you the Churchwardens and Sidemen diligently ſee that all your Pariſhioners reſort duly to your Church or Chappel, upon Sundays and Holydayes, and there continue the whole time of Divine Ser-

n. 87. vice? do you ſuffer any to walk or ſtand idle or talk in the Church or

90. in the Church-yard, or Church-porch, during that time, to the diſturbance of the Miniſter and ſcandal of the congregation: You muſt preſent the names of ſuch as offend herein.

n. 20. 3. Do you againſt the time of every Communion, at the charge of the Pariſh provide a ſufficient quantity of fine white bread, and of good and wholſome wine, for the number of the Communicants? And do you do the ſame with the advice and direction of your Miniſter? And the wine ſo provided, do you bring to the Communion Table in a clean and ſweet ſtanding pot or flaggon?

n. 52. 4. Do you the Churchwardens and Sidemen ſee, that the names of all Preachers which come to your Church from other places, be noted in a book provided for that purpoſe? And doth every ſuch Preacher ſubſcribe his name in the ſaid book, the day when he preached, and the name of the Biſhop of whom he had licence to preach?

n. 53. 5. If there be any publike diſſention and contradicting in your Pulpit, between the Miniſter of your Church or Chappel, or any other Preacher or Preachers, whereby diſquietneſs and offence may grow among the people, do you forthwith ſignifie the ſame unto the Biſhop, and not ſuffer the party to enjoy the place ſo by him abuſed, until the Biſhop hath taken further order in it?

n. 115. 6. Do any perſon or perſons trouble or moleſt you the Churchwardens, for preſenting all or any of thoſe perſons, which do offend in any of the premiſes; who are they that do ſo moleſt or trouble you, and before whom, and in what Court do they ſo moleſt you?

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7. Do you the Churchwardens levie by way of distress on the Goods Lands and Tenements of every person in your parish, that doth not resort unto your Parish Church or Chappel on every Sunday and Holyday throughout the year, (having no reasonable excuse to be absent) the sum of xii. pence for every Sunday or Holyday that he be so absent? And do you distribute the several sums so levied, as before is said, among the poor of the Parish, according to the Law in that case provided? Eliz. Can. 1.

8. Have you had time sufficient for drawing up your presentments: how long is it since this book of Articles was sent unto you: have you perused and considered as well the Oath you are to take, as the Articles whereon to ground your presentments, and every branch, and clause thereof, and have you framed your presentments, punctually, according to the several branches and clauses of those Articles? For know assuredly that as well the discharging of your Office, is the chief meanes whereby publick sinners and offences may be reformed and punished, so if you wilfully omit to present such crimes as either you know to be committed, or otherwise have heard by publick fame, that in such cases your Ordinaries are to proceed against you, as in causes of wilful perjurie, in their Ecclesiastical Courts. Can. 113. Can. 1.

Concerning Ecclesiastical Magistrates and Officers.

1. WHat reward or fee hath any of the Apparators taken and received, or what acquittance or discharge have they given or promised any for not appearance before the

whom have they so compounded with, when and upon what occasion?

2. If you know of any other default or crime of Ecclesiastical Cognisance, you are to present the same by vertue of your Oathes.

3. The Minister of every Parish may and ought to enquire of these printed Articles, and to joyn in presentment with the Churchwardens, and Side-men, and if they will not present, the Minister may and ought himself present the defaults and crimes aforesaid: and there must be several presentments made to every several Article: and the Minister, Churchwardens, and Sworn-men, are to meet and conferre about the said presentments, and answering of every of the aforesaid Articles?

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